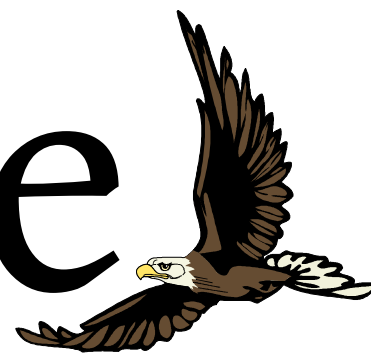


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Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Training the world's best pilots

May 28, 1999

Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



Pilot awards

The graduation awards for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-09 were as follows:

Maj. Michael W. Bank: Outstanding Officer;

2nd Lt. Michael S. Daftarian: Daedalian Award;

2nd Lt. Richard McCurdy: Flying Training Award;

Capt. Brendan D. O'Brien: Academic Training Award;

2nd Lt. Robert T. Rettig: Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy, Distinguished Graduate, Flying Training Award;

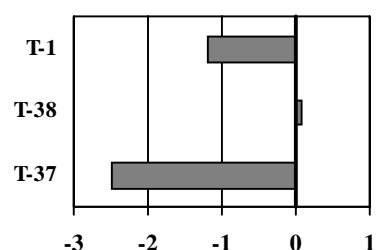
2nd Lt. Ronald A. Tornese: Academic Training Award;

Capt. Clinton F. Warner: Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy, Distinguished Graduate, Academic Training Award.

47 FTW mission status

(As of May 26)

Student Timeline



Days (+ ahead / - behind)

Sorties flown in FY 99:
42,551

Hours flown in FY 99:
58,228.8

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
170

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,212

Silver takes 85th reins in changeover today

By Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Editor

Lt. Col. Mike Silver assumes command of the 85th Flying Training Squadron from Lt. Col. Jason Barlow in a ceremony at 10 a.m. today at the flightline. Col. Lawrence Stutzriem, 47th Operations Group commander, is the presiding officer.

Silver takes command after serving as chief of wing safety here since May 1998. He is a 1981 graduate of Purdue University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He holds a master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

Silver attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., where upon graduation he was assigned as a first assignment instructor pilot in the T-37. He graduated Pilot Instructor Training as the top graduate.

The colonel is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours, and more than 100 combat hours in the T-37, T-38, and the F-16. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with three devices, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one device.

Barlow, a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, U-2 and TR-1, has commanded the 85th since June 1997. His military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal and



Photo by Jim Teet

Lt. Col. Mike "Hi Ho" Silver stands near a T-37 - the plane the 85 FTS uses to train all student pilots.

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal. He was selected for promotion to colonel March 18, and will work with Stutzriem, pending reassignment.

Services wins Johnson Award, represents AETC for Eubanks Award

The 47th Services Division has won the Air Education and Training Command Mickey L. Johnson Award for the second consecutive year.

The award identifies the top small-base services division for 1998, representing 5,000 or less military and civilian workers. Laughlin now is competing for the Air Force Eubank Services Award. "XL is more than our standard," said Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, "It is a way of life for our services division personnel. This unrelenting drive to serve with excellence begins with the director and filters down

through all activities - resulting in consumer-driven programs and services unmatched anywhere."

The division was an instrumental part of base operations during the Val Verde County flood disaster and recovery efforts. Members delivered supplies to Del Rio shelters, helped with search and rescue operations and distributed more than 109,000 gallons of drinking water in the weeks after the flood. Services excelled in many other areas during the year: the 1998 Operational Readiness Inspection; improved and renovated facilities; and, at 62 percent, led the command in club membership. Col. Len Jarman, 47th

FTW vice commander, said, "Our services division is consistently outstanding. In fact, we've won this tough competition for an unprecedented five of the last nine years! With our best team ever in place, we look forward to the Air Force competition."

A five-person team from the Air Force Services Agency is scheduled to arrive Monday for three days of in-depth evaluation for the Eubanks Award competition. Other bases competing for the award are McConnell, Kan.; Kunsan, Republic of Korea; Hanscom, Mass.; Whiteman, Mo.; and F.E. Warren, Wyo.

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Attitude ...

Robert E. Wood, LCSAM director, writes about how having a positive attitude is key to success.

Savings Bonds ...

The U.S. Savings Bond campaign, "Take Stock in America," runs throughout the month of June.

Stop-Loss ...

Air Force announces the implementation of Stop-loss, releases list of affected career-fields.

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Commander's corner

The key to successful mission accomplishment is ...

Attitude: the silent core value

By Robert E. Wood

Director, Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance

Ten years ago, Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance faced the challenge of becoming an all civil-service aircraft maintenance unit.

We pledged to use 589 civilians to replace 1,034 military authorizations and support 88,774 programmed flying hours to train and graduate military pilots. Since this was the first conversion of this magnitude in the Air Force, a lot of eyes watched to see how we would function in the face of stereotyped expectations about federal efficiency.

LCSAM shattered these stereotypes and exceeded all expectations. Along the way, we saved the government more than \$73 million in the first

five years of operations and added the T-1A to the T-37B and T-38A aircraft.

We now support an operational tempo that exceeds 110,000 flying hours with only 60 additional authorizations. We were the first, and so far the only, civil service aircraft maintenance unit in the Air Force to earn the coveted Order of Daedalians' General Clements McMullen Award for superior aircraft maintenance.

Our maintainers continue to excel. Given the huge manning reduction, many safety experts predicted that this combination of a 43 percent force reduction and huge operational tempo would paint a blueprint for major mishaps. Some predicted production backlogs within preventive maintenance that would impair pilot production.

It simply hasn't happened. This is largely due to what I like to call our unit's silent core value: *attitude*.

We all know about the Air Force core values: "integrity first," "service before self" and "excellence in all we do." Our attitude inclines us to seek ways we can accomplish this challenge without failure.

Attitude is as simple as describing a glass of water as half-empty or half full. Attitude makes great leaps of faith into world-class achievements. Attitude drives our spiritual center and focuses us with God's will to achieve our dearest goals and make personal dreams a reality.

Hamilton Mabie, the late essayist and associate editor of the Christian periodical, *The Outlook*, motivated readers to face challenges, "Don't be afraid of opposition. Remember, a kite rises against – not with – the wind." We

hear this sentiment in the 1990s as, "Attitude determines your altitude."

To have the stomach to exercise integrity, we must have attitude. That means maintenance specialists read technical manuals before doing a job and report unsafe conditions because it's the right thing to do, even when no one is watching. To put the needs of others ahead of ourselves, we must have attitude. That means we respond as cheerfully as possible to mission needs that require weekend work, giving up holidays or doing without the companionship of loved ones.

To sustain excellence in all we do, we live the attitude expressed by Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Leo Marquez, who professed, "Excellence isn't a goal; it's my standard." To be top-notch wrench benders for Laughlin's pilot training mission, to be the best at any job, we must cultivate and sustain a top-notch attitude.

To be top-notch wrench benders ... to be the best at any job, we must cultivate and sustain a top-notch attitude.

Actionline

Q I think it would be a good idea if they post the prices of gasoline at the new service station. Thank you.

A You're right! We tried using the signs from the old service station, but they

detracted from the appearance of the new facility. We recently received new signs and they should be installed in the next two weeks. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you for your suggestion.

Q I work in Building 210 and there doesn't seem to be enough parking for all the workers here. Are there any plans to expand parking? Thank you.

A Parking is at a premium for most facilities here. Usually, the function within and

around a facility will dictate the use of the land surrounding it. That is the case at Building 210. The aircraft maintenance function in and around the facility and security restrictions along the flightline take precedence over personal vehicle parking and reduce space

availability. This is why there is a very limited number of parking spaces around that building.

The realities of terrorism around the world are being reflected in our facility designs.

Air Force facility design in
See 'Actionline,' page 7

Why we need Stop-Loss

By F. Whitten Peters

Acting secretary of the Air Force

and

Gen. Michael E. Ryan

Air Force chief of staff

WASHINGTON – A month ago, when President Clinton authorized Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up for Kosovo operations, we announced that the Air Force would implement a limited Stop-Loss program to preserve the skills and experience necessary to maintain our combat capability.

Since then, we've looked at Stop-Loss from every conceivable angle to determine if we really need it and, if so, how best to implement the program. With careful consideration of all the issues and options – and after wrestling with the best way to balance the needs of the force with the needs of our people – we have decided to implement a selective, incremental Stop-Loss program beginning June 15.

The driving factor in our decision is the ongoing air campaign in the Balkans. When we joined NATO efforts to defend the people of Kosovo from the actions of an oppressive government, we knew our operations over Yugoslavia would not be completed easily or quickly. Now, in the ninth week of the air campaign, it is more evident than ever that we are doing the right thing and the air campaign is having a significant impact. It's also evident that we'll be engaged in the Balkans for some undetermined period.

The recall of some Reserve-component forces announced earlier under the PSRC provides significant relief, but we must spread the responsibility across the total force. Stop-Loss will preserve the critical skills essential to support our missions in Europe and Southwest Asia, while remaining prepared to meet another major regional contingency. Stop-Loss will also allow us to keep our training base intact, so that we will be able to reconstitute our forces quickly when Kosovo operations cease.

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Actionline

Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Col. Dan R. Goodrich

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
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***“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”***

– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of April 13
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	1	11
Off-duty mishaps	7	7
Traffic mishaps	1	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	5	3
Fatalities	0	2

Base encouraged to take stock in America: buy U.S. Savings Bonds

Maj. Bobby Suell

47th Flying Training Wing Savings Bond representative

The Air Force conducts its annual Savings Bonds Campaign June 1-30. The theme of the campaign is “Take stock in America – buy U.S. Savings Bonds.”

Our local goal is to contact all base military and Department of Defense civilian personnel. There are two Air Force campaign goals: enroll five percent of the military and civilian service population as new participants, and to have 10 percent of current bond buyers increase their existing allotments during the 1999 campaign.

If everything in life seems to be on a fast forward except your finances, get yourself moving with regular savings through U.S. Savings Bonds. They are an ideal way to prepare for the future. Savings bond interest rates are tied to rates of other Treasury securities. This means the ordinary investor can put money to work at market-based interest rates without the need to invest large sums of money.

Tax benefits add to the advantage. Federal income tax on bond earnings can be deferred until redemption. These same earnings are exempt from state and local income taxes.

The purchase price of a Series EE bond is half the bond's face value; for example, a \$100 bond costs \$50. Bonds are flexible. Because they can be redeemed anytime af-

ter six months from the purchase date, you have the security of knowing that your funds are available in the event of emergency. Another security that bonds offer is the full faith and credit of the United States. They can be replaced if lost, stolen or destroyed.

Push the start button for your savings now. Sign the allotment card for the payroll savings plan and watch your nest egg grow! It is a great investment in your future. For more information, call 5905 or contact your organization representative.



Names of E-6, E-7 selectees released

Thursday was the official release date for people who were selected for promotion to Technical Sergeant and Master Sergeant under the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

Those who were selected to master sergeant will be inducted into the ranks of senior noncommissioned officers during an induction ceremony at 6 p.m. July 31 in the Club XL ballroom.

The following is a list of all Laughlin selectees:

To technical sergeant

47 CS: John A. Becker

47 CES: Gregory D. Bosarge,

47 OSS: Paul T. Brooks Edward P. Curley, James T. Streepy

47 AMDS: Paul D. Doty, Roberto A. Espinoza, David A. Peters

47 MDOS: Raymond V. Fernandez

47 MDSS: Bill F. Ferraro

47 CONS: Charles J. Ferro, Mark R. Floyd Christopher Trujillo

47 CES: Neil G. Fultz, David C. Isbell

47 CPTF: Jeffery H. Howard

86 FTS: William A. Novak

47 CS: Robin B. Poteat, William Richardson

47 SFS: Aaron M. Thieken

87 FTS: Guadalupe Vasquez

47 FTW: Donald Williams

See ‘Selectees,’ page 20

Peters, Ryan announce Air Force Stop-Loss details

WASHINGTON — Acting Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan announced their decision May 26 to implement Stop-Loss, suspending normal separations and retirements for people in critical career fields effective June 15.

The Air Force will hold up only separations deemed critical to preserving mission capability. The driving force behind the decision is the ongoing air campaign in the Balkans.

“We do not take this action lightly,” said Mr. Peters. “Stop-Loss is designed to preserve the critical skills essential to support our missions in Europe and Southwest Asia, while remaining prepared to meet another major regional contingency. Stop-Loss will also allow us to keep our training base intact, so that we will be able to reconstitute our forces quickly when Kosovo operations cease.”

Peters also acknowledged the toll taken on the total force.

“We are acutely aware that ours is a volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting our worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with fundamental principles of voluntary service,” he said. “We also know that this action will adversely affect the lives of airmen and their families.

“We have done our best to minimize this disruption by limiting the career fields to which Stop-Loss will apply. On the individual level, we will look at the hardship caused by Stop-Loss on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief.”

Stop-Loss will affect 40 percent or approximately 120,000 of those now on active duty. Slightly more than 6,000 airmen who have requested and received permission to separate or retire from the Air Force between now and December will be required to remain in uniform as a result of Stop-Loss. Stop-Loss also temporarily blocks changes of status of members of the Air Guard and Reserve that would allow a member to leave units at risk for call-up. Twenty three percent of Air Force specialty codes have been identified as the critical skills needed to perform the mission.

By law, Stop-Loss may be used only to suspend temporarily voluntary separations (to include discharges and resignations), retirements and promotions of members of the armed forces while a presidential call-up or mobilization is in effect. In this instance, Stop-Loss will last indefinitely, pending further reviews, or the termination of presidential call-up for Kosovo.

“We take Stop-Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our Air Force members, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments,” General Ryan said. “It is important that all of these people understand how seriously we take this program and how much we appreciate the individual sacrifices that will be made because of it.”

For a complete listing of AFSCs affected by Stop-Loss, check the Air Force website at <http://www.af.mil/news>.

(AFPN)

The *XLer*

Hometown: Del Rio

Family: Husband: Richard, Children: LaToshia, Jamal and LaRon

Time at Laughlin: 7 years, 4 months

Time in service: 8 years, 9 months

Why did you join the Air Force family?
This is home.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin or in the Air Force: You couldn't ask for a better place.

Greatest accomplishment: Raising my family.

Long-term goals: Become a manager.

Hobbies: Spending time with my grandson, C.J., traveling and listening to music.

Favorite food: Chinese

Favorite beverage: Iced tea

Bad habit: Smoking

Motto: Always keep your head up.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why? Jesus. To ask questions about life.



Maria E. Bryant

Defense Commissary Agency

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.
-Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.
-Sunday school, 11 a.m., religious education building.

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

-Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.
-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.
-Awana, Wednesdays, chapel from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Jewish

– Max Stool
219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas
Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Memorial Day: *Remembering the heroes of the past, honoring today's protectors of freedom*

By Gen. Henry H. Shelton
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Every day in Washington hundreds of tourists see the rows of white gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery – visible reminders that the freedom our Nation enjoys and the blessings it brings have been purchased by the blood of fallen patriots.

On Memorial Day, we pause to remember the ultimate sacrifice these brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coast guardsmen made for our great country.

Established in 1868 to honor the slain heroes of the Civil War, “Decoration Day” as it was then known, was first proclaimed by

Gen. John Logan. His timeless words about this day echo with reverence even now. “We should,” he wrote, “cherish tenderly the memory of our heroic dead.”

Today, many of you will be serving in distant lands on Memorial Day, far from family and loved ones, securing the precious freedoms every American holds dear. Whether you are at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, aboard the Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Battle Group in the Adriatic Sea, amidst the sand dunes of Saudi Arabia, or in the muddy fields of Albania, your selfless dedication to duty continues the proud tradition of service to the nation. The

immortal fighting spirit of America’s fallen heroes remains alive in each of you.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff join with millions of Americans everywhere in saluting your outstanding performance. As you keep America safe, you honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Courtesy photo

Honor guard members salute the casket of a deceased veteran at Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is one of many national cemeteries in the country where people can go to honor departed patriots.

From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



May 12, 12:02 a.m. – An active-duty member lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a street sign. The member was issued a traffic citation.

May 14, 10 p.m. – Two juveniles were involved in an altercation. They were released to their parents.

May 15, 2:12 a.m. and May 18, 12:40 a.m. – A building was found unsecure. The building manager was notified.

May 17, 5:50 p.m. – An active-duty member reported \$20 missing from her unlocked dorm room. An investigation is in

progress.

All personnel working on base are required to register their vehicles within 15 days. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action, citations, fines, and/or loss of installation driving privileges. All vehicles operated on base must have current insurance. The fine for no insurance is \$175.

Under Texas Law it is illegal to leave a vehicle parked and running. It is also illegal to leave the keys in the ignition of a parked vehicle. Security Forces will enforce Texas laws.

47th Medical Group

Beginning June 7, Sick Call will operate by appointments only. Call in times are 7-7:30 a.m. and 12:30-1 p.m.

Primary Care Clinic (298-6362) for all active duty members not on flying status and reservists on orders who wish to be seen for an acute illness.

Flight Medicine Clinic (298-6341) for active duty members on flying status.

Dental Clinic (298-6331) for active duty members.

If you have any questions, please call the appointment desk at 298-3578.



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general is headed toward force protection measures that will remove parking lots altogether from the vicinity of all buildings.

For this reason, the parking lot for building 210 is located across Second Street away from the facility. The parking lot across Second Street contains 119 spaces to park – more than enough to handle the

people working in building 210. Based on these reasons, additional parking in this area is not required at this time.

Thank you for your interest in making parking better at Laughlin.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

Question of the week

Who do you remember most on Memorial Day?



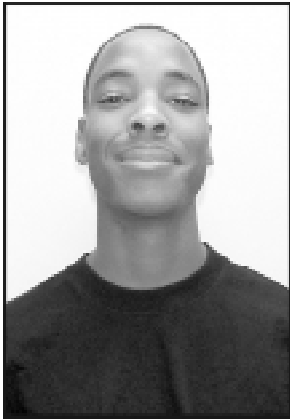
Chaplain Jim Hough
47th Flying Training Wing

I think of the people who served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict because they contributed to what the service means today



Anita Cox
47th Flying Training Wing

The men and women who died to keep this country free. I wish my husband was alive to see all the advanced machinery we have today.



Senior Airman Calvin Moore
47th Flying Training Wing

My thoughts are of those known and unknown who contributed their lives to what many of us acknowledge on May 31.



Mario Villarreal
T-37 Maintenance Support

All the servicemen and women who gave their lives for the price of freedom and family and friends living and enjoying the holiday.

M*A*S*H Bash trivia: how do you stack up?

By Capt. Deryck Hill
47th Medical Group

M*A*S*H Bash '99 is a 47th Flying Training Wing free picnic open to all base personnel. Join the fun June 4 from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Laughlin picnic grounds.

A disc jockey will provide music and there will be games and contests for kids and adults. Food booths from base organizations will provide a wide range of edibles.

To help you get geared up for M*A*S*H Bash '99, here's some trivia questions to test your knowledge. Some are easy, and some are only for the experts ...

1. What is "Hawkeye" Pierce's hometown?
2. Where did Lt. Col. Henry Blake go to college?
3. What is Maj. Houlihan's nickname?
4. What did Klinger try to eat to get a discharge?

5. What is BJ Honeycut's daughter's name?
6. What is Radar's beverage of choice?
7. What is the name of the psychiatrist who periodically visited the 4077th?
8. What is the name of Maj. Houlihan's fiancée/husband?
9. Under what military provision was Klinger trying to get a discharge?
10. What is the name of Radar's mouse that beat "Sluggo," the

Marine's mouse, in a race? Stumped? Here are the answers:

1. *Crabapple Cove, Maine*
2. *University of Illinois*
3. *"Hot Lips"*
4. *A jeep*
5. *Erin*
6. *Grape Nehi*
7. *Sidney Friedman*
8. *Lt.Col. Donald Penobscott*
9. *Section 8*
10. *Daisy*

Hope you enjoy the bash.

‘Stop-Loss,’ from page 2

We’ll apply Stop-Loss only among those specialties needed to carry out our operations; we’ll use it only when we need to; and we’ll only use it for as long as necessary to accomplish our mission. We’ll frequently review the list of career fields subject to Stop-Loss; we will look at individual hardships caused by Stop-

Loss on a case-by-case basis; and we’ll do what we can to permit separations. In addition, when Stop-Loss terminates, we will work with those airmen whose lives have been disrupted to make sure that they can time their ultimate separation to avoid further disruption. We hope these guidelines will keep any disruption in your lives to a minimum.

In these demanding times,

we’re performing our mission better than any air force that has ever operated anywhere in the world. We now have exceeded a major theater war level of effort with our forces deployed to support air campaigns in the Balkans and Southwest Asia. With Stop-Loss, we retain the capability to support another major theater war effort, should world events prompt such action. The only

reason we’re able to do all this is because of the dedicated service of each member of our Total Force – every active-duty airman, every guardsman, every reservist. We count on you and your families, often asking you to make great sacrifices on behalf of our nation, and you always deliver!

While we can’t predict how long the air campaign will continue, we know you’ll do what-

ever it takes for as long as it takes. You have our deepest respect and appreciation and the admiration of all Americans and our allies around the globe. We’re extremely proud of all that you’re doing, and we’re proud to serve on your team.

Thanks again for making our Air Force the world’s greatest aerospace force!

(AFPN)

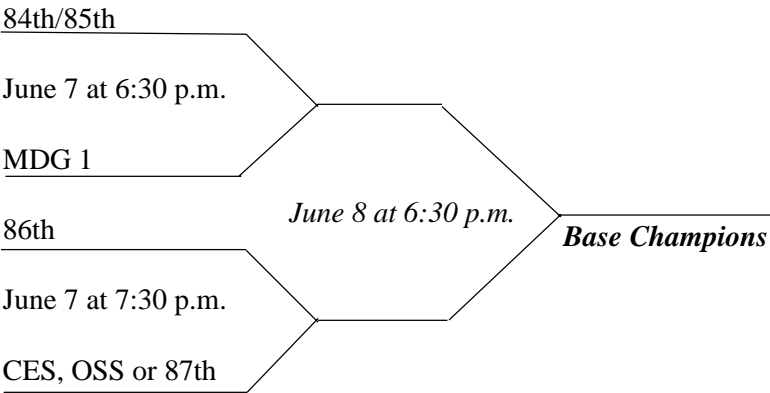
Intramural volleyball standings
(As of Tuesday)

Team	W	L
84th/85th	9	0
86th	8	1
MDG 1	7	2
CES	5	4
OSS	5	4
87th	5	4
MSS	2	7
MDG 2	2	7
CS/CONS/SVS	2	7
LCSAM	0	9

Volleyball playoffs

Volleyball playoffs begin June 7. The top four teams from the regular season will compete in the playoffs. The 84/85th, 86th and MDG 1 are the top three seeds. The fourth seed will be determined in a tie-break playoff between CES, OSS and the 87th. CES plays against OSS at 6 p.m. Tuesday, and the winner competes against the 87th at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The bracket below is a breakdown of the championship play-offs:



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Inbound: Jude C. Richard, David D. Darling,

To master sergeant

47 CES: Robert L. Appling

47 CONS: Blonethea O. Vann

47 CPTF: Hosea Butler, Jr.

47 SPTG: Charles B. Harris, David W. Sponsel

47 OSS: Steven L. May (PCS), Curtis W. McClain, Jerauld D. Smith, Thomas B. Soderstrom

47 AMDS: Rosendo Ortiz, Valeria Richardson, Prince A. Smith

Inbound: Sean G. Hayes

Promotion ceremony

There will be an Enlisted Promotion Ceremony, recognizing promotees for the month of June, at 3:30 p.m. today at the Fiesta Center.

Major party

The base’s recent major selectees will celebrate their selections with a party starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Club XL. There will be free food and drinks.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and have a good time, and congratulate the newest field grade officers.

Summer courses

Today is the last day to register for Park College’s summer term. The following courses are offered:

■Principle of Accounting II 5-10:50 p.m. Mondays

Public Speaking, 5-7:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

■Human Sexuality, 5-7:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

■American History, 5-7:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

■College Algebra (date and time will be announced)

■Organizational Behavior, 9 a.m.-2:50 p.m. Saturday

The Air Force pays 75 percent tuition assistance for courses that are part of a degree program, but you must apply. Call 5593 to register.

Celebrity visit

The base community is invited to come meet Joe King Carrasco and his band from noon until 4 p.m. today at the Base Exchange. The band will greet fans and sign autographs.

The BX will also raffle three autographed posters of Randy Foster. Additional posters will be given away to people in attendance.

Register now

Sacred Heart Catholic School is now registering new students from pre-kindergarten 3-year-olds to 8th graders.

If interested, call the school office at 775-3274.

Enrichment program

The Youth Center is taking applications for the Fall 99 Part-Day Enrichment Program for 3 to 5-year-olds. Classes will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday

and Friday for 3 to 4-year-olds and Tuesday and Thursday for 4 to 5-year-olds. Start dates are August 16 and 17.

For more information on our program call Karen Cook or Amy Haynes at 298-5343/4363.

Assignment drop

Class 99-11 is having its assignment drop 6 p.m. today at Club XL. There will be free food and drinks.

Soccer

Soccer pick-up games are held Sundays at 7 p.m. at the base football field. Come out and join the fun.

Registration

The Education Services Flight will be open Monday, Memorial Day, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. for Sul Ross State University registration. If interested registering, call SRSU at 4726.

Relocations

The Relocations and Employment Element of the Military Personnel Flight is transitioning to an appointment system. The walk-in service currently provided has lead to long waiting periods.

Scheduling appointments will enable the MPF staff to connect the customers with the right personnel at the right time and eliminate unnecessary waiting.

The following services will require scheduling an appointment: employment, outbound assignments, retirments, separations, and formal training. Same day appointments will be provided whenever possible.

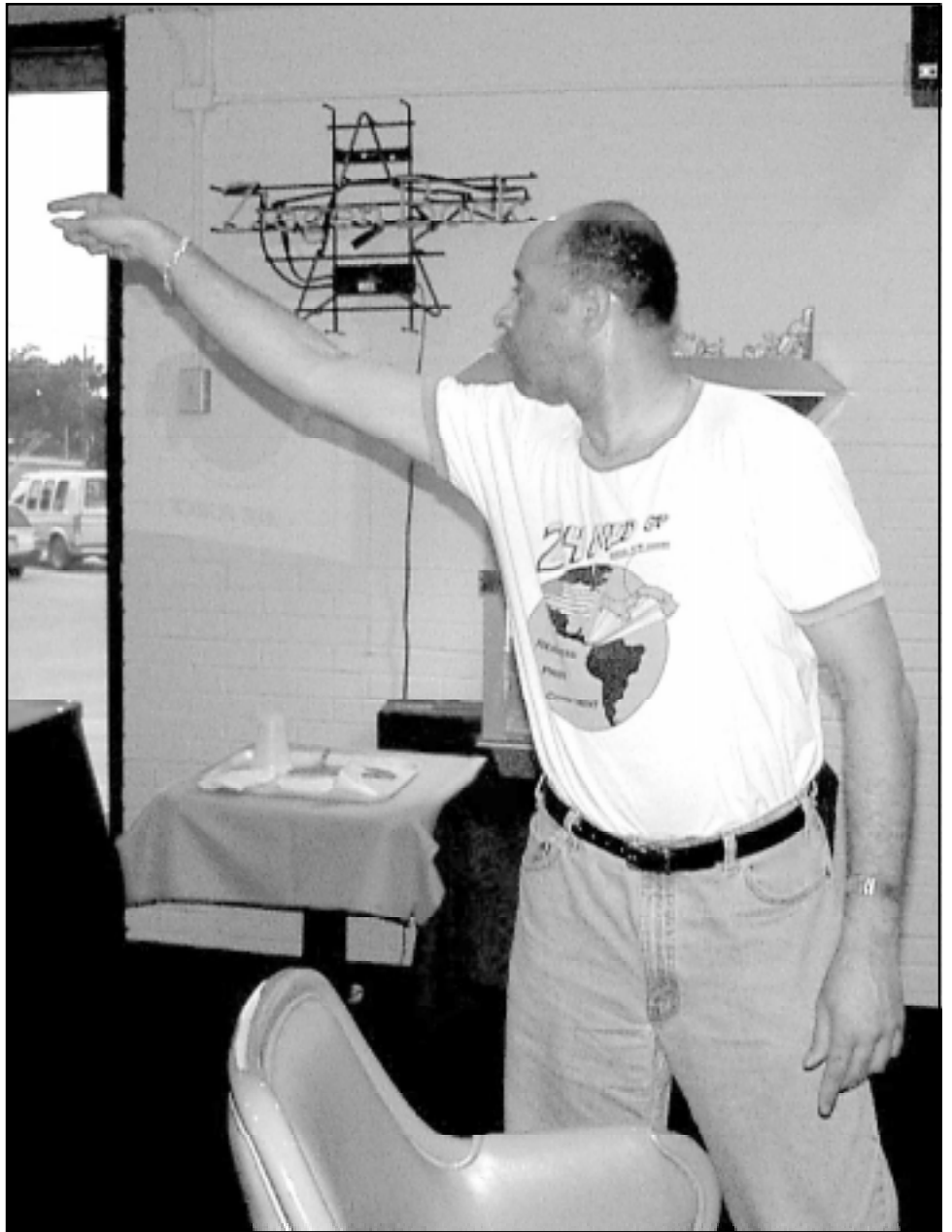
For questions or concerns with this issue, please contact Capt. William Nolte 5073 or 2nd Lt. Shannon Peeler 5487.

The Air Force Aid Society representative has a cell phone for after regular duty hours and weekend coverage. This will enhance the current process of contacting the AFAS for emergency assistance.

The number is 703-0720, Tech. Sgt. Amy Urban.

Guard vacancy

A full time Active Guard Reserve vacancy for a Range Training Officer is available at Volk Field CRTC, Camp Douglas, Wis. Applicants must be in AFSC 11F3X/ 12F3X in the pay grades O-1 to O-3.



Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Bulls and triples

Master Sgt. Malcolm Sylvester, 47th Aerospace Medical Squadron, gets in a few practice throws before competing in one of the highly competitive dart games that take place at Club Amistad throughout the week. There are social hour specials Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and bingo Monday-Wednesday and Saturday. The club will be closed this Saturday, Sunday and Monday for installation of the new air conditioning unit.

The application deadline is June 18. Flying opportunities are also available.

For more information, contact Maj. Smith at DSN 946-3555 or visit our website at:

www.volkfield.ang.af.mil.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for this year’s Operation Graduation – an all-night extravaganza that provides graduating seniors and their guests a drug- and alcohol-free way to celebrate their commencement.

Operation Graduation begins at 11 p.m. tonight at the Del Rio Civic Center. There will be food, games and prizes. A grand prize will be given away at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Volunteers are needed in all areas, especially to run the the log roll, horse race, rope climb and the money booth. Cash donations and prizes are also needed

Last year, over 1,000 graduates and their guests attended this event. If anyone or group would like to volunteer time or donate food, prizes or money, please contact Juan M. Salinas at 774-4670 after 5 p.m.